

ALCOHOL DEATH ROLL GROWS; 11 MORE ARRESTS

Victims of Poisoning in Connecticut Valley Alone Now 56

SEVERAL NEW CASES

Two Barrels of Fatal Liquid Con- fiscated in Barn Just Out- side of New Haven

New York, Dec. 28.—Federal agents late tonight arrested five men whom they claimed to be the heads of an organized band responsible for the recent wide-spread sale of wood alcohol concoctions through five states. One of the men arrested was described by the government agents as "the king pin of the ring." Two of the men in custody were described as New York business men.

For 10 days since the first fatalities were reported from wood alcohol poisoning, Colonel Daniel A. Porter, supervising revenue agent for New York, and H. B. Hobbs, special federal agent, have been working on the theory that the poison which has caused scores of deaths throughout New England and New York originated in this city. The arrests made tonight were effected in widely-separated parts of the city.

Chicopee, Mass., Dec. 28.—United States Marshal Edward J. Leyden tonight arrested four men from Chicopee, Holyoke and Springfield on federal warrants charging them with violation of the war-time prohibition act and the transportation of liquor from one state to another. The arrests resulted in his investigation into the deaths more than 50 persons in the Connecticut valley from drinking wood alcohol contained in a mixture sold as whiskey. One arrest was made by the Springfield, Conn., police.

Night more deaths had resulted since this morning from alcoholic poisoning, bringing the total for the Connecticut valley, not including Hartford, to 56, divided as follows: Chicago, 37; including two women; Holyoke, 10; Springfield, 4; including a woman; Greenfield, 1; Hadley, 2; Thompsonville, 2.

Those Under Arrest

Those under arrest on the federal warrants are John Nasazewski of Holyoke and Harry Shapiro of Springfield, truck drivers, who are charged with bringing the liquor into the valley, while Adam Osrowski and John Stargyk, both of Holyoke, are charged with violation of the war-time prohibition act.

The Thompsonville arrest was Leonard Montana, a saloonkeeper of that town, who is charged with illegally selling liquor. Marshal Canon, of the Holyoke police, left this afternoon for New Haven, Conn., with warrants charging murder against four who have been arrested in that city.

Although several new cases were reported today in the valley, the number decreased considerably over Friday and Saturday. In Holyoke, the most increase developed, giving the impression that some of the poisonous liquor bought in that city may have been consumed since Friday, when the signs of the poisoning became evident. Scattering cases of poisoning victims were reported in this city of Springfield.

District Attorney John H. Schoonmaker of Ware announced tonight the death of two Hadley residents, aged 36 and 37, who are alleged to have died by drinking the poisonous poison. The district attorney stated that ante-mortem statements both men made they had bought the liquor in a Hadley hotel. Proprietor Edward J. of the hotel, Mr. Schoonmaker admitted buying five gallons of liquor from Alex Perry, who is under arrest on a charge of manslaughter in Chicopee.

Deaths occurred in Chicopee and Holyoke tonight, but it is believed that no more is dying down.

Six Arrested in New Haven

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 28.—Six men were arrested here today in connection with the sale of wood alcohol whiskey, which they are alleged to be shipped from this city to Chicopee, Mass. The arrests were made at the request of District Attorney Joseph R. Ely of Westfield, Mass., who telegraphed that the men are wanted in homicide in Massachusetts.

The arrests were made by A. E. White, Massachusetts commissioner of the police, and local police and revenue agents. An illicit liquor still was found and seized in Westfield.

Two barrels of a compound believed to contain wood alcohol were confiscated in a barn just outside the city. According to the police, four cases of liquor were shipped from the barn to Chicopee. The six men are alleged to have been the owners of the liquor stored in the barn. They received \$1,000 a barrel for the four sent to Chicopee.

Situation in Other Cities

Barnford, Conn., Dec. 28.—A

D'Annunzio Still Firm In Demands on Italy

Fiume, Dec. 28.—Armed resistance to the "last morsel of bread and last drop of blood" is Gabriele D'Annunzio's latest decision in demanding further guarantees from the Italian government to insure the annexation of Fiume to Italy. The situation is at a stronger deadlock than ever by reason of the soldier-poet's unshaken obstinacy to remain in Fiume until his demands are met.

Additional Deaths from Wood Alcohol Poisoning

Additional deaths from wood alcohol poisoning were reported here today, the list of dead remaining at 13. Two more victims of poisonous liquor were listed in hospitals, making eight, four of whom were reported tonight in a critical condition.

Another death was added to the Connecticut total today when a woman died in Meriden from the effects of poisonous liquor.

Boston, Dec. 28.—City hospital records show that wood alcohol poisoning here has increased 500 per cent since July 1. Dr. Timothy Leary, associate medical examiner of Suffolk county, said tonight.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Another man was reported dead today as the result of drinking wood alcohol. If authenticated as a poisonous liquor death, Chicago's total of Christmas poisonings to date numbers nine, or 33 since July 1.

Employers were asked today by Coroner Hoffman to address their workers tomorrow and warn them against the use of wood alcohol and other questionable substitutes for whiskey. The coroner and members of his staff also will make a tour of industrial plants, issuing warnings against poisonous liquors.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 28.—Three deaths from wood alcohol poisoning, making a total of nine here in the last three weeks, were reported to the police tonight.

County Prosecutor Harrison and Collector of Internal Revenue Charles Duffy have started investigations.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 28.—The first death here from alcoholic poisoning since Christmas, when several cases were admitted to hospitals, occurred today. One new case was reported. Today's death brings the total since November 1 up to 15.

Perfumery Permits Numerous

New York, Dec. 28.—Investigation by the police of numerous deaths attributed to wood alcohol poisoning revealed tonight that in the last three months federal permits to manufacture perfumery had been issued to approximately 2,000 persons, of whom it is said, not more than 50 are legitimate manufacturers of perfumes.

According to the police, the holders of permits are entitled to buy what is known as "Cologne spirits" at \$4.80 a gallon, and those who bought it for other than the making of perfumes have made purchases amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Another death in New York from poisonous liquor was reported today, that of Eugene Nasseiello, who drank a large quantity of "wine" before he died. An autopsy will be made tomorrow.

John C. Varchik, a farmer who died shortly after being sent to a hospital, is believed also to have been a victim of wood alcohol and also will be the subject of an autopsy.

SEEK TWO MEN IN BROWN CASE

Police Look for Soldier in Order to Substantiate Story Murdered Youth Had Been Armed

Mount Clemens, Mich., Dec. 28.—Statements that rivalry for her affections had led to threats of violence against J. Stanley Brown, killed in his automobile near here last Tuesday night, were denied today by Mrs. Dolly Peck Bennett, Mrs. Bennett brought her this morning from Sandusky, Ohio, was questioned at length by Sheriff Caldwell and held for further interrogation. Meanwhile, the sheriff was checking up her account of her movements before and after the discovery of Brown's body pitched over the wheel of his automobile, on the road between here and Detroit.

Two men, one a taxicab driver and the other a soldier, sought by the authorities, had not been located early this evening. It was the taxicab driver, according to statements previously made to the authorities, who had threatened Brown. Mrs. Bennett told the sheriff she knew a chauffeur acquaintance of Brown's but emphatically stated he was not on friendly terms with her.

The Soldier, It Was Learned Today

was being sought to substantiate a story that Brown had armed himself following the alleged threats against his life. According to this statement, Brown, fearing that in an impassioned moment he might use his revolver, carried it over to the soldier. The names of both the taxicab driver and the soldier are withheld by the authorities.

SIR HORACE PLUNKETT HERE

New York, Dec. 28.—Sir Horace Plunkett, the Irish publicist, arrived here today on the steamship Adriatic for a business trip. He refused to comment on Lord George's plan for a dual parliament for Ireland because he had not examined the proposition.

RAIL LEADERS TO HOLD IMPORTANT MEETING TODAY

Plan to Formulate Policy Toward No-Strike Legislation

MAY VOTE A WALK-OUT

Union Heads Will Follow Ma- chinists in Opposition to Dra- matic Bill, Is the Belief

Washington, Dec. 28.—Pending railroad legislation will be discussed at two meetings to be held tomorrow in Washington, while at a third the question of an increase in the wages of railroad employees is to be considered.

Foremost among the meetings will be the conference called for 2 o'clock by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, at which chiefs of the four railroad brotherhoods and heads of ten affiliated trades are expected to decide on the attitude to be assumed by organized railroad workers toward the anti-strike provision of the Cummins rail bill. None of the four brotherhood chiefs had arrived in Washington tonight and several presidents of the other unions were reticent as to the action to be taken at the conference. The view was rather generally expressed, however, that the railroad workers would adopt a declaration of principles in accord with the stand taken by the Railway Machinists' union, which has voted to strike if the more drastic labor provisions of the Cummins bill are placed on the statute books.

Conference Committee Meets

The first meeting of the three-involving phases of the railroad situation will be held at 10:30 o'clock, when the members of the congressional conference committee on railroad legislation meet to iron out differences between the Cummins and Esch railroad reorganization bills as passed by the senate and house, respectively.

Members of the committee said tonight it was not to be expected that any definite action would be taken tomorrow and certainly not on the anti-strike section of the Cummins measure, which is to be postponed until after other disagreements are eliminated.

The question of an increase in the pay of shop employees, pressure for the settlement of which was postponed last fall at the suggestion of President Wilson pending the government's efforts to reduce the high cost of living, will come up at the conference, which committee representatives six shop trades plan to have during the day with Director General Hines. Should the appointment with the Director General conflict with the general meeting of the railroad workers, it was said the wage conference might be postponed until Tuesday.

Possibility of Presidential Veto

The possibility of a presidential veto has been given serious consideration by members of congress, who realize the necessity of enacting proper legislation before the roads are handed back to their owners on March 1. Labor leaders, in discussing this eventuality, also called attention today to this statement by the President in his message to congress four weeks ago:

"The right of individuals to strike is inviolate and ought not to be interfered with by any process of government, but there is a predominant right of the government to protect all of its people and to assert its power and majesty against the challenge of any class."

This one sentence was variously interpreted—by brotherhood officers as a virtual announcement by the President that he would not sign a bill denying the right to strike—and by Senator Cummins and others as notice by the President that even if the right to strike was inviolate, the rights of the public stood over and above it.

Regardless of what action might be taken by the brotherhoods, the belief prevailed in congressional circles that when senate and house conferees got through with the Cummins and Esch bills no vestige of the anti-strike section would remain.

Says Wilson Assumed Arrogant Tone in His Message to Italy

Rome, Saturday, Dec. 27.—Senator Plunkett, speaking in the senate today on the Adriatic question, asserted that President Wilson in his message to Italy had assumed an arrogant tone such as would not have been adopted in the last century toward a little principality. The senator, although an ardent man, participated in the war as an officer of Bersaglieri. He declared it was necessary for Italy to have Fiume and the Valona district, besides the part of Dalmatia granted her by the London pact, and said that Gabriele D'Annunzio, the Italian insurrection leader, had saved Fiume.

The senator quoted from an alleged telegram sent by President Wilson to Premier Nitti in which the President was reported to have said:

"Every solution contrary to that which I have always upheld regarding Fiume would stand in sharp contrast with the direction of foreign affairs which I have always had the honor to support. I firmly believe your doubts concerning the reception which the Italian people would give to a solution of the Fiume problem differing from that defended by an imperialistic minority have no actual foundation as the question of Fiume does not concern the interests of the Italian people."

Boy Thought to Have Been Billy Dansey Is Another

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 28.—The boy believed by Chief of Police Robert Auton of Collinsville, Okla., to have been missing Billy Dansey of Hammon, N. J., is not the Dansey boy, according to a statement tonight by Chief Auton and Chief of Police Charles Allen of Tulsa. The boy's mother is said to live in Bristol, Okla.

SEEK TO MAKE AUTO STEALING UNHEALTHY

City Officials Hold Conference in Albany Tomorrow to Con- sider Remedial Legislation

Albany, Dec. 28.—The conference of mayors and other city and town officials, in line with the campaign inaugurated by the New York State Automobile association, has been collecting statistics on the thefts of automobiles and has called for a conference for Tuesday in the office of the secretary of state at the capitol to receive suggestions for legislation which will make motor car stealing an unhealthy pastime. The conference will be attended by public officials and the representatives of interested organizations.

The seriousness of the automobile stealing problem is shown in the fact that in the cities of the state alone during the last six months 4,621 cars were stolen and only 2,501 recovered. These figures are taken from reports collected from city police departments by the mayor's conference.

The State Automobile association believes that Major Chandler, superintendent of state troopers, has found the remedy in a bill which he has drafted and which the association will have introduced early in the coming session of the legislature.

The measure requires that a license or bill of sale, O. K'd by the local police authorities, sheriff, magistrate or justice of the peace must accompany each legal and valid transfer of ownership. Every dealer is to be supplied with license blanks, which would have to be filled in with car number, dealer's name, purchaser's name and all the other information now contained on the regular license applications.

Then the dealer and purchaser would have to appear before the local authorities and upon being identified and the car inspected for verification the police officer or other authority would put the O. K. on the transfer. The license would then be sent to the Automobile bureau to obtain plates.

The original application with the officer's O. K. on ownership would be returned to the owner. This procedure must be followed on every transfer of ownership.

Cars already in use must have such a certified license of ownership before license and plates will be issued by the Automobile bureau.

Anyone who has in his possession a car without such certificate of ownership will be guilty of a felony. Should the certificate be stolen it would be easy for the real owner to be identified by the police. Police chiefs in nearly all cities and towns in the state have approved of such a law.

COST OF LIVING HAS RISEN 82.2% IN PAST FIVE YEARS

Boston, Dec. 28.—An increase of 82.2 per cent in the cost of living for American wage earners between July, 1914, and November, 1919, is shown in a statement issued today by the National Industrial Conference board based upon its most recent investigation.

This represents an advance of 10.4 per cent since November, 1918, 13.5 per cent since March, 1919, when prices dropped temporarily, and 5.8 per cent since last July.

The increase in the cost of the five major items in the family budget since July, 1914, was: food, 92 per cent; shelter, 38 per cent; clothing, 135 per cent; fuel, heat and light, 48 per cent; and sundries, 75 per cent.

ODESSA BEING EVACUATED

London, Dec. 28.—Odessa is being evacuated by the civilian population owing to the rapid advance of the Bolsheviks in Southern Russia, according to a Constantinople dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company.

DENY CARRANZA'S ACCOUNT OF THE WALLACE MURDER

Slain American's Em- ployers Declare He Was Not at Fault

JENKINS CASE REVIVED

Public Prosecutor at Puebla Pro- mises Sensational Revela- tions in Near Future

Washington, Dec. 28.—Claims of the Mexican government, as recently presented to the American embassy in Mexico City, that the killing near Tampico late in November of James Wallace, an American citizen, resulted from his failure to heed the warning of a Mexican sentry, are denied in an account of the incident which reached Washington today from the Agulla company, of which Wallace was an employee.

The killing of Wallace caused the state department to make an urgent inquiry of the Mexican government as to the circumstances. The Mexican foreign office in its reply charged that Wallace, while intoxicated, passed a sentry stationed at what was characterized as a "dangerous spot," and failing to halt was shot and killed.

The Agulla company's report, which was presented at a meeting in Tampico of all company managers and which is the first detailed account of the American's death to reach Washington, says:

Carranza Soldier Shot Wallace

"On the morning of Nov. 26, Mr. James Wallace, employed by us as foreman on our eastern reservoir at Portree-Del-Llano, was riding from the office down to the tank farm, a distance of about 250 meters. On the road was an outpost of four government soldiers with a machine gun. As far as we have been able to ascertain, Wallace's horse reared while passing this outpost and kicked over the machine gun, whereupon one of the soldiers shot Wallace, killing him instantly. None of our men actually saw what happened. Some of them had been talking to Wallace a minute or two before, and hearing the shot they ran out of the office and found Wallace lying dead on the ground."

"The soldiers gave the explanation that Wallace insisted on passing between the machine gun and a sentry, that his horse refused to go forward, for which reason one of the soldiers beat it several times with the butt of his rifle, and that Wallace then threw his horse over on the soldiers, nearly upsetting the machine gun. They also claimed Wallace hit the soldier with an axe handle he was carrying and furthermore made the statement that Wallace was intoxicated. These statements are not substantiated by the facts. We have never known Wallace to be intoxicated during the ten months he was employed by us."

Jenkins Case Revived

Mexico City, Saturday, Dec. 27.—Justice Urdapilleta has been delegated by the Mexican supreme court to study the records in the case of William O. Jenkins, the United States consular agent at Puebla, and to decide as soon as possible whether the Puebla state courts or the federal tribunals have jurisdiction. This step was taken because of legal complications which have arisen over the question of jurisdiction.

The only charges against Jenkins, so far as known, are those of giving false testimony and threatening witnesses, although Julio Mitchell, public prosecutor at Puebla, promised sensational revelations in the case soon when interviewed here this evening. He intimated that Jenkins would be convicted of being implicated in rebellious operations.

VERMILYE REFUSES TO UNTANGLE MYSTERY

Has No Statement to Make When He Hears Wife Has Been Located

New York, Dec. 28.—Dr. William Gray Vermilye, who failed to appear Christmas day to marry Miss Ruth M. Keeney at Monson, Mass., and is now a patient in the Cumberland Street hospital, refused to make any comment tonight when informed that his wife had been located in Hartsburg, Pa., where she is living with her daughter.

Information that Dr. Vermilye had a wife with whom he had been living up to the time he gave up private practice to take a position with the United States Shipping board in the south, was given by Mrs. F. E. Zindel of Brookline, wife of a son of Mrs. Vermilye by a previous marriage. She said that Dr. Vermilye and his wife had lived in Brookline, but Mrs. Vermilye had gone to Hartsburg six months ago to visit her daughter and was still there.

Miss Keeney, who also has been a patient in the hospital since last November, when she fainted and became hysterical, because Dr. Vermilye refused to marry her, refused to say whether she had seen her husband since he left.

President Celebrates 63rd Birthday Quietly

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson observed his sixty-third birthday quietly today, much improved in health, surrounded by the members of his family with the exception of Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, who was unable to be present. Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre arrived from Cambridge, Mass., last night.

Part of the day was spent by Mr. Wilson reading many of the hundreds of birthday greetings that came from prominent officials and friends not only in the United States but abroad.

NEW DISTURBANCES REPORTED IN IRELAND

Intruder and Police Guard Are Killed in Engagement Near Viceroy's Residence

London, Dec. 28.—Several untoward incidents are reported from Ireland by the Sunday Evening Telegram. A daring attempt was made to assassinate a constable at Bullibofoey, County Donegal. The assailant fired a pistol from the street at the constable, who was sitting with his family in a bedroom. Nobody was injured but the bullet struck a bed a few inches from a sleeping infant.

A band of men raided a farmer's house at Victoria Bridge and carried off rifles. Pat Killarney, a constable was shot and wounded on Christmas eve while assisting other constables to quell a rough-and-tumble fight between soldiers and civilians.

It is reported that 20,000 rounds of ammunition have been stolen from the Dangarvan railway station. The consignment, it is believed, was intended for the military authorities.

(By the Associated Press.)

Dublin, Dec. 28.—An officer of the guard and one member of a band of intruders were killed early this morning in a shooting affray in Phoenix Park, a short distance from the vice regal lodge. In some quarters, the belief was expressed that an attack was in preparation against the lodge.

About eight men are believed to have made up the band of interlopers. Four arrests were made.

At 1:30 this morning shots were heard in the neighborhood of the vice regal lodge. They continued at intervals for nearly an hour in that portion of Phoenix Park between the lodge and the magazine. There apparently was no direct attack on the vice regal lodge itself.

As the firing persisted, a military guard consisting of an officer and two men turned out and searched the vice regal grounds. Finding nothing unusual there, they went through the park near the main road. While traversing the center of the park, they engaged in a sharp exchange of firing with the intruders, and Lieut. Boast, who was leading his men, fell, shot through the heart.

One of the attacking party also was killed. He was a civilian about 40 years of age. According to some reports, he was wearing portions of a soldier's uniform. No weapon was found on or near his body, and up to the present the man's identity has not been ascertained. Pools of blood were found on the scene.

In the absence of all official information, the theory late tonight is that no raid against the vice regal lodge was intended. It was supposed that an isolated shot was fired, which Lieut. Boast and two privates went to investigate. It is not thought that they reached the persons who fired the shot, but became involved in a struggle with a passerby, who, with the lieutenant, was killed.

It is reported that the dead civilian was a laborer who had been treated at a Dublin hospital and was walking home through the park. He wore bandages on his face, the police say.

MELTING SILVER DOLLARS

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Ten millions of dollars, all in silver, are being melted into silver bars at the United States mint here. Later the bars are turned into dimes, quarters and half dollars. The government finds it cheaper to melt the dollars than to go to the market and buy silver, now selling at the highest price in many years.

ORIGINATOR OF TABLETS DEAD

Schenectady, Dec. 28.—Dr. Robert M. Fuller, 75 years old, and credited with being a millionaire, is dead at his home here. He is said to have been the originator of the tablet form of medicine.

to appear for the wedding, left the institution today. She and her father again attempted to interview Dr. Vermilye before leaving the hospital, but he refused to see them.

When hospital officials who say the physician is there to undergo a slight operation, informed newspapermen that he would see no one except relatives, they sent Dr. Vermilye the following note:

"Your wife, said to be located in Hartsburg, has made charges which perhaps you would be glad to clear up. Will you please make a definite statement and clear up the whole matter?"

Dr. Vermilye, who was in the hospital since last November, when he fainted and became hysterical, because Dr. Vermilye refused to marry her, refused to say whether she had seen her husband since he left.

URGES STATE REGULATION OF MILK INDUSTRY

Investigating Committee Also Recommends Ac- tion by Congress

CHILD LIFE ENDANGERED

Increasing Export of Milk Pro- ducts Menaces Public Health, the Report Asserts

New York, Dec. 28.—State regulation of the milk industry on the ground that it is a public utility of "infinite more importance than the operation of telephone lines," is among several far-reaching recommendations made to Governor Smith by the fair price milk committee which has been investigating the high cost of milk since September, in its report made public today. The committee also is of the opinion that the milk and dairy industry if the United States should receive the attention of congress, although it does not go into details on this point on the ground that it is outside its province.

Demands from Europe for manufactured products of milk have reached such proportions, the report points out, that gradually increasing exports "actually endanger the health and lives of children by their deprivation of fluid milk."

Would Give Legislature Power

The committee urges the legislature to declare the milk business "affected with a public interest," and that power to fix rates be delegated to a new separate state board of three members, removable by the governor, with power to subpoena producers and dealers and their records and to fix prices paid to the farmer and charged by the distributor to the consumer.

The committee finds that the present price of milk is unfair and excessive; that there are too many executives in the distributing companies, and that their salaries and those of officials of the Dairymen's League are too high.

"Some of the distributing companies are overburdened with salaried executives," the report states.

Testimony taken by the committee shows, the report says, that one milk corporation already has exported from 85 to 95 per cent of its products, of which one-third was drawn from New York state. From within 100 miles of New York city, this company absorbs 50,000 quarts of milk daily. Another large company manufactured 240,000,000 pounds of condensed milk in 1919 and exported 50,000,000 pounds.

Abolition of glass bottles and substitution of sealed paper containers coated with paraffin would reduce greatly the loss from breakage, the committee reported.

Objects to Dairymen's Control

It objected to having a group of representative dairymen determine what in their opinion is a fair price for milk, agreeing that there must be some official and legally-constituted agency to pass on the fairness and justice of the established price. Appropriation by New York city of \$200,000 for a milk plant to handle 50,000 quarts daily for sale at the baby health stations, was urged, also, that the city be authorized to buy, pasteurize and sell milk in the present emergency.

The percentage of undernourished children in 33 schools varies from 17, the lowest, to 50 in one school, the committee discovered. To reduce the cost of delivery of bottled milk, the committee suggested that the 30,000 or more grocery and delicatessen store proprietors buy milk in large quantities at a reduced price and sell to patrons as they do foodstuffs.

The committee found that milk drivers in New York get \$33 a week and two per cent of the collections, which averages a weekly income of from \$50 to \$60. The average daily delivery of milk per driver is about 267 quarts. The pay of milk drivers in Philadelphia, it was pointed out, is entirely on a commission basis. The driver's income depends on his efforts, the result being that in addition to other dairy products, each delivers an average of 400 quarts of milk daily.

BERMUDA STILL RANS AUTO

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 12.—(By mail) — A vigorous effort to raise the ban on motor cars has failed. The ban on assembly voted 17 to 15 against it. For at least another year Bermudians and visiting tourists will continue to walk, ride a bicycle or drive a horse as of yore.

Since little Nantucket capitulated to the forces of progress this colony has held an almost unique position in its opposition to the use of automobiles.

AMERICAN LEGION MEN WARNED

New York, Dec. 28.—Local posts of the American Legion throughout the state have been warned against credence to German opera or Hungarian music in a bulletin sent out from the state headquarters of the organization here. It was announced tonight. The Legion members, however, were asked to be watchful lest the music be used as "a cloak for German propaganda."

FOREIGN MARKETS FOR FARM PRODUCTS PRESENT PROBLEM

Vast Total of Exports in Past Fiscal Year—Reconstruction Gives Uncertain Aspects to Future Trade Abroad—Merchant Marine Advances Nation's Commercial Interests—Production Costs Increase in Europe.

Washington.—Wheat, cotton, wheat and wheat flour made up 70 per cent of the total export trade in agricultural products during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919. The total value of agricultural exports was \$3,806,083,924. This amount of agricultural exports exceeded by more than \$600,000,000 the total imports of all products to the United States. These figures represent a large increase over figures for pre-war years, the total exports of all products for the United States in 1914 being \$2,329,684,325.

Increase Due to War.
"This increase in foreign commerce was caused by the war and was made possible by four major war measures," says the bureau of markets of the United States department of agriculture. "These four war measures were: The taking of international commerce out of the channels of private trade; the extension of credits by the United States government to the allies and other European countries, amounting to approximately \$10,000,000,000; the assembling of all inland and ocean transportation and communication facilities; and the distribution of food-stuffs through central organizations, such as the international food commission."

enjoyed a foreign market rather than a foreign trade. Buyers came to the American markets, established credits with American banks, bought and paid for our products, contracted for shipping in units of the currency and weights of their own country, and in vessels flying the flag of their own nation. The entire transactions were on basis of New York or American seaboard, and required only a very limited knowledge of the factors of the foreign trade on the part of the American vendor. In only a limited way can it be said that American trade has heretofore penetrated foreign markets.

Perhaps the greatest single factor in our future foreign trade in agricultural products is the American merchant marine. On June 30, 1914, the merchant marine of the United Kingdom totaled 20,100,000 gross tons, and that of the United States 1,875,000 gross tons. On August 1, 1919, the American merchant marine totaled 8,160,400 gross tons, the total number of vessels being 12,757, which included 1,071 new steamers, 58 ex-German



Mr. Saverio Rossi, a great lover of fine paintings and the holder of several of the world's greatest masterpieces, has sailed for Italy in search of some works of art which he will exhibit in this country upon his return here.

REVIEW OF THE WEEK ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Announcement as to Return of Roads Easily Overshadows All Other Developments

New York, Dec. 28. — Announcement that the transportation systems of the country are to be turned back to private operation on March 1 easily overshadowed all other developments in what was virtually the last week of a memorable year in the stock market. To that extent, it was argued, uncertainty regarding the future of the railroads has been dispelled. Operating officials and bankers concurred, however, in the opinion that nothing less than definite remedial legislation would restore the railroads to the confidence of investors.

The only other outstanding feature was the recurrent tightening of the call loan market, the dearth of time money, and another reaction in foreign exchange. These were due to such patent causes as the recent deficit in local bank reserves, "window dressing" over the year end, and further delay in the several plans to establish international credits.

It is known that a number of foreign financial prospects are under active negotiation here, some for large amounts, but their actual flotation is said to be contingent upon the attitude of the government at Washington.

The moderate advance in acceptance ordered by the Federal Reserve bank was regarded as significant in the sense that it seems to be the purpose of that institution to maintain its rates on a parity with those of the open market. It was intimated that the central bank is likely to adopt a more elastic policy in connection with interest and re-discount rates.

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Prices Paid Producers.	
Butter, creamery	73@74
Butter, fresh dairy	72@73
Eggs, fresh laid, dozen	60
Dressed pork	18@20
Native beef	12@14
V. A.	18@22
Fowls	22@25
Turkeys, live	42
Potatoes, bushel	\$1.50
Ducks	50
Turnips, bushel	80
Carrots, bushel	\$1.00
Apples, bushel	\$1.42

Grain and Feed at Retail.

Corn meal, cwt	\$7.20
Cracked corn	\$3.25
Corn, per bushel, old	\$1.78
Table Meal	\$5.10
Corn and oats	\$3.27
Ground Oats	\$3.78
Oats	\$1.04 1/2
Scratch feed for fowls	\$2.25
Wheat bran	\$2.45
Buckwheat, cwt.	\$3.25

Prices on Hides and Skins.

(Quoted by Miller Hide Company.)
Owing to unsettled market conditions, no dependable prices on hides and skins can be quoted.

Miller Hide Co.

Lighthouse That Fell.

There have been three or four Eddy-stone lighthouses. Henry Winslow built one that was criticized by engineers as being unsafe. "It will stand the storm," he replied. "And I hope I may be in it when the first and worst gale sweeps down the coast." On the night of the first severe equinoctial tempest the builder and some workmen went into the lighthouse. Next morning when the people along the shore looked for the lighthouse it was gone. The awful storm had swept everything away and the men had perished.—Boston Post.

Naturally Road is Crooked.

For the benefit of automobilists who have wondered why the road from Exeter to Hampton, N. H., is so crooked, it is explained that when the first settlements were being made in New Hampshire a bear made a night raid on that part of the Hampton settlement known as W. Swan row, and men in pursuit the next morning followed his tracks in the light snow to its wintering place at Squamscott Falls, and built the road accordingly.

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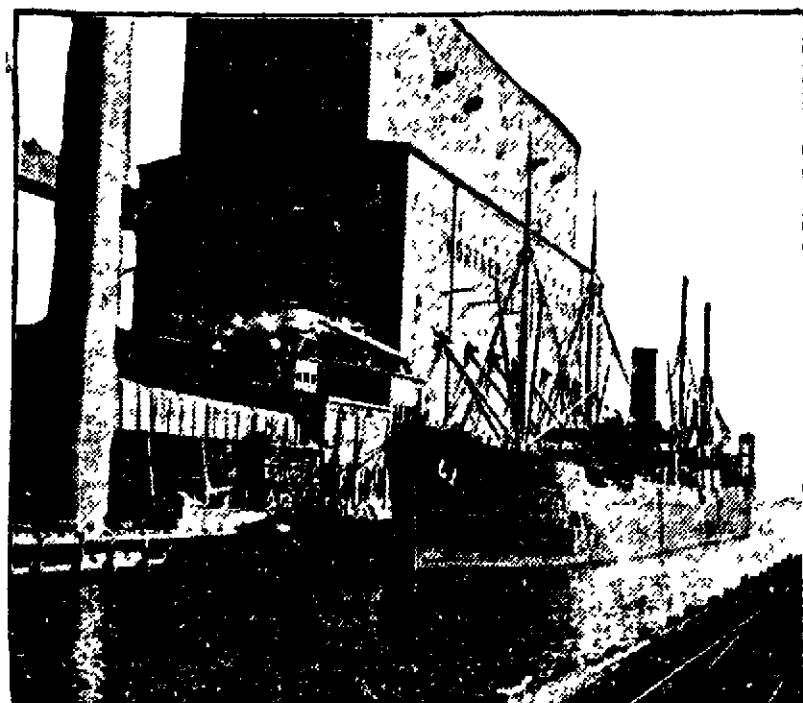
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EVENINGS

One Show at Night

Doors Open 7:30 P. M.

Show Starts 8:15 P. M.



Loading Grain for Export—The Amount of American Agricultural Products Shipped Abroad During the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1919, Exceeded Three and One-Half Billion Dollars.

clitics; and the distribution of food-stuffs through central organizations, such as the international food commission."

Belligerent countries sustained by credits from the United States had made extensive contracts for food supplies, and upon the release of shipping after the signing of the armistice a heavy movement of foodstuffs resulted. These contracts are about complete, the credits extended by the United States have been expended, and the crux of reconstruction has arrived; trade must return to the private channels of finance, shipping, and barter, and the question of our future foreign commerce is important. The war has left the world in a complicated political, economical, industrial, and social situation, and few statesmen or economists have ventured to outline a definite program for the reconstruction period.

"Produce More, Consume Less."

An important and as yet indeterminate factor in foreign trade during the coming months is the result of the "produce more and consume less" campaign being waged in Europe. If the campaign meets with general response it will result in continued use of substitutes, less rapid return to normal consumption, and a decreased demand for American products.

Prior to the war the United States

ships, and six ex-Austrian ships. This places the United States second only to Great Britain as a marine power.

Production Costs Increased in Europe.
The cost of production in European countries will be increased over the pre-war period because of the change in labor conditions. In the matter of machinery and efficient methods of production, America may be counted upon to keep well ahead. The cost of production and labor, and the increased shipping and banking facilities, as compared with pre-war conditions, greatly favor the American trader. The uncertain factor in the immediate future of our foreign trade is the unsolved problem of foreign credit.

At the rates of exchange prevailing October 6, 1919, a bushel of wheat which costs \$2.37 1/2 f. o. b. at our Atlantic ports, in terms of our money abroad, would be worth abroad the equivalent of \$2.74 in British money, \$3.83 in French money, \$4.48 in Italian money, and \$13.47 in German money. If the depreciation of European money continues, or the rate of exchange becomes more abnormal, it will probably restrict imports not only of bread cereals, but also of other commodities, to the bare necessities, and will constitute a powerful stimulus in foreign countries to increase production.

BELGIANS EXECUTE IN EFFIGY

Crowds in Brussels Vent Hate Toward Condemned Germanophile Editors.

Brussels, Belgium.—Directors and editors of the Germanophile newspaper *Bruxellois*, who were condemned to death as traitors by the Brabant court a week ago, were publicly executed in effigy before the city hall here. The actors in the ceremony were four German soldiers and an executioner, and the scene was witnessed by great crowds, cinema operators being busy recording the incident.

The death penalty exists in Belgium, but it is never carried out except in effigy.

Humility.

The only true independence is in humility. . . . But humility is not the virtue of a fool; since it is not consequent upon any comparison between ourselves and others, but between what we are and what we ought to be.—Washington Allston.

CAB BREAKS HEART OF KING EDWARD'S HORSE

Paris.—Minors, pet racer of the late King Edward, the only horse that ever won a Derby for the royal house of Windsor, is dead in Paris. He died of a broken heart. It was the King's dying request that Minors never should be sold. But Lord Berkeford's stable manager disregarded this wish and sold the magnificent steed for a song. Minors stood his last job one day—then he lay down and died.

MAN'S BOTTLES HIS UNDOING

John Paluso Had So Many It Seemed to Be Sign He Expected a Long, Hard Winter.

New Kensington, Pa.—Whisky everywhere and every drop to drink, was the motto of John Paluso of this city until the state troopers swooped down on his cache and despoiled him of his hoard. The troopers were looking for red propaganda. They found "red" liquor.

Every store in Paluso's house, and there were three of them, was filled with bottles of bonded whisky. The store pipe had its quota, the chimney its share, more bottles reposed in Paluso's bed, at least thirty were immersed in the rain barrel, the half-filled barrel of pork in the cellar had not been neglected and the old-fashioned clock had no room for the long pendulum to swing, for a bottle was there, too.

Trials of Matrimony.

We were stopping at a hotel, while on our honeymoon, and were trying to hide the fact that we were newly weds. We succeeded quite well until dinner time. Just as we had reached the center of the big dining hall, a tall stout man on her chair and shouted, "Which one is the bride, mamma?" Every one then knew, by my telltale blushing that it was I—a most embarrassed bride.—Chicago Tribune

Boy of Fifteen Preacher

Pennance, England.—Pennance boasts the distinction of possessing a boy preacher, only fifteen years old. He is W. J. Harvey, who delivered his first sermon at the age of thirteen. He is a polished speaker and was no longer white talking.

ISOLATED FROM HUSBAND FOUR YEARS BY WAR

American Woman Long Shut Out From World in Montenegro Soon to Return.

Isolated for four years in the fastnesses of the Montenegrin mountains through the fortunes of war, Mrs. Rosa M. Struger, former Miss Rose Webb of Tacoma, Wash., will soon be restored to her husband in St. Paul, Minn. Lost to her world since the Austrian hordes swept over the country and her husband marched away with the Montenegrin troops, she and her little son have suffered all the anguish of complete isolation from family and friends besides the physical discomforts of wartime living in a war-wrecked country.

Five years ago Marco Struger brought his wife and baby son from the United States to visit his parents at Cekllo, Montenegro, a village high up in the mountains. While on their visit the war began and the husband shouldered his rifle to help stay the onrush of the Austrian armies, and hurried to army headquarters at Podgoritz. He was captured by the Austrians, but escaped, and returned to the United States, where he sought Red Cross aid to find his wife in Montenegro.

When an American Red Cross commission arrived in Montenegro after the armistice, Mrs. Struger wrote asking for assistance for the refugees in her little mountain village. Her appeal reached the commission a few days after an inquiry from Washington, asking the commission to locate Mrs. Struger had been received. The supplies were sent to the mountain town. In response to Mrs. Struger's appeal, she took entire charge of the relief work in her district and made several convey trips between her village and Podgoritz.

Mrs. Struger proved to be a tall, good looking woman, bronzed by the sun and winds of Montenegro. In her years with the mountaineers she had acquired a perfect speaking knowledge of their language. She was put into communication with her husband and soon will join him in America.

First Battle of the Marne Cost Nearly 750,000 Men

The bloodiest battle of the world war was the first battle of the Marne. Official figures just issued in Paris show the losses were:

Dead	328,000
Wounded	400,000
Total	728,000

This means that this one battle cost nearly three-quarters of a million men. The figures include, of course, the losses on both sides.

CAN DO ALL TURTLE DOES

Illinois Traveler Carries His House on His Back.

The amphibious turtle has "nothing on" Milton H. Baker, a Christian Science nurse of Highland Park, Ill., who recently started on a 5,000-mile motorcycle trip through Florida. Like the turtle, he carries his house on his back and can travel with equal ease on land or water.

On his motorcycle he carries a twelve-foot folding boat of a type used by explorers. When he comes to a lake he simply unfolds the boat, places the motorcycle in it, attaches the motor to the propeller shaft and goes skimming over the waves. If the gas runs out or the engine goes dead, he has a paddle. If the paddle snaps he has a sail.

He also carries a tent, which he can place over himself and the motorcycle at night if on land, or over the boat if on the water.

As a protection against swampy ground he carries a waterproof flooring for the tent and an air mattress, which may serve the double purpose of a life preserver or an air tank to keep the boat afloat.

But this does not complete the equipment. There is a camping outfit, a complete assortment of tackle for catching Florida's famous green trout, and a mosquito tent. The whole outfit is balanced on a motorcycle side car, which folds up when in the boat.

Famous Sundial Broken.

A sundial known as "Nell Gwynn's Sundial," which for years has been in position in the terrace at Lauderdale house, Highgate, England, was broken beyond repair while workmen were trying to change its position, a London dispatch says. There is still in the house Nell Gwynn's original bath, which is much older than the sundial, and was placed there when she was installed in the place by Charles II.

Something to Be Proud Of.

Some folks wipe the drops of sweat off their faces as if they were really ashamed of them. Man alive, drops of sweat that come from good, honest work are finer than any gems that ever sparkled in the crown of a king. And their greatest beauty is that they make the whole world happier and better. This cannot always be said of the stars on the monarch's brow.—Exchange.

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LOCAL MENTION.

—There remain but three days of December during which advance payments may be made by residents of the city on their subscriptions to The Star at the old rate of \$5 per year. Owing to the uncertainty of the paper market no subscription extending beyond the year 1920 can be accepted at this rate.

—The Epworth league of the First Methodist church will hold a social in the church parlors on Wednesday evening, following the prayer meeting service which is this week changed from Thursday to Wednesday evening to give those who usually attend the entire day of New Year's for social enjoyment.

ABLE SERMON BY DR. RUSSELL.

Delivered at Union Service at First Baptist Church Last Evening.

Many favorable comments were heard last evening of the exceedingly able sermon delivered at the union services held last evening in the First Baptist church by Dr. J. C. Russell of the First Presbyterian church, a large congregation filling the edifice, being in attendance.

The text was the thirteenth verse of the fourth chapter of Ephesians: "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." The reverend gentleman referred to the unity of the faith and said that he could remember when there were strife and jealousy but that these have largely passed and the unity of the faith is in evidence. He followed with an eloquent picture of the development of a Christian character unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ through the knowledge of the Son of God. The sermon was an inspiration to all.

During the service Byron Chesbro sang a very effective solo and the quartette rendered an anthem.

Have You a City Directory?

There remain unsold only a limited number of copies of the new directory of the city of Oneonta with a map showing the development at West End and including an enumeration of the residents of that section. Included also are a list of the permanent residents of various nearby villages in this section. The book will be found very useful in offices and business places. Copies may be secured at the Reynolds and the Corner bookstores or at The Star office. The price is only \$3.

Christmas Packages All Delivered.

Postmaster Charles J. Beams reports that all Christmas packages received Christmas day, excepting those coming in on late trains, were delivered that day. A number of extra carriers were hired and sleighs were put in commission to take care of the Christmas rush of packages to expedite their delivery. Mr. Beams is surely to be congratulated for his foresight in this matter, and those receiving packages on that day appreciated the postmaster's efforts.

Past Masters' Night.

The Past Masters will occupy the chairs this evening at a special communication of Oneonta lodge, No. 466, F. A. M., held in Masonic hall at 8 o'clock. The Master Mason degree will be conferred, followed by a banquet. A large attendance is desired. W. E. Parish, Master.

Meetings Today.

Special meeting of Knights of Columbus in club rooms this evening at 8 o'clock. Business of importance. Company G. band rehearsal at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Full attendance desired.

Recreation Dancing Club.

The next dance will not be given until Monday, January 5, 1920.

Herriett Says:

New Year's day is one of the most convenient days of the year. It used to come in just right as a swear-off day on Manhattan cocktails, especially those they poured down their neck the night before. Now it can be used as a day for swearing off drinking wood alcohol, gasoline, bay rum and Jamaica ginger high balls. But more than anything else New Year's comes in mighty handy as a day to remember some one with a gift, whom perhaps you overlooked at Christmas. If it's a man, remember that Herriett has plenty of silk shirts, fine neckwear and other good stuff which men like to wear. advt 11

The Ladies' Auxiliary will serve dinner at the Y. M. C. A. New Year's day, commencing at 1 p. m. Reservations can be made by calling on Secretary Lance at the Y. M. C. A. The menu will be published in a later issue of The Star. advt 11

A New Circulating Library.

We have started a circulating library entirely of the best of new fiction. Charge, two cents per day; minimum, six cents. The Oneonta Press. advt 21

Ford Coupe.

We have a dandy, in fine condition, excellent finish, good tires, electric lights and starter, cheap at \$550. Fred N. VanWick. advt 61

From the standpoint of satisfaction, Kippack is the coffee for you to use. advt 61

Union taxi, phone 200-W, 4 p. m. to 12 a. m. advt 11

UNADILLA TAKES FIRST STEP

IN MOVEMENT TO REFOREST TRACT OF 20 ACRES IN TOWNSHIP.

Special Town Meeting Called for January 31 by Town Board, After Conference With Floyd S. Barlow of Otsego County Improvement Association.

Unadilla has taken the first step among the towns of Otsego county in the movement inaugurated by the Otsego County Improvement association for the reforestation of a tract in each town, as a town project. At a conference, held Saturday morning at the store of Town Clerk George I. Hutten, at which all the members of the board conferred with Floyd S. Barlow, manager of the Improvement association, it was decided to call a special town meeting to be held at the High school building in this village on Saturday, January 31, at 2 p. m., to consider such project for the town. The following preamble and resolution were adopted unanimously by the board:

"Whereas, the lumber supply of the town of Unadilla is rapidly diminishing, and

Whereas, no effort has been made by any interest to replace the supply by means of reforestation, therefore be it,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that a meeting of the taxpayers of the town be held in the High school building on Saturday afternoon, January 31, 1920, for the purpose of considering the feasibility and advisability of the purchase of a tract of land for the town to be reforested on a scientific basis."

The project when presented by Manager Barlow received the hearty support of all the members, the older and more conservative members being apparently the most enthusiastic in support. William Dickinson, recently appointed supervisor, is heartily in favor of the plan and it is believed that Unadilla will have the distinction of being the first to take decisive action looking to reforestation.

The work if undertaken will be under the supervision of the State College of Forestry at Syracuse, which has given assurance to the officers that it will give its best attention to a tract of about 20 acres in four towns of this county during the coming year as demonstrations, which it is understood is about all that it can safely undertake in Otsego for the coming year. It has been suggested that a 20-acre tract be undertaken in Unadilla.

The project has many hearty supporters in Unadilla and there has already been some discussion of the advisability of the village, which owes its water works system and has more than 100 acres of land, of which fully 60 can profitably be reforested, entering upon a similar project. It is believed that it will be seriously considered.

Manager Barlow of the Improvement association has arranged for conferences with the town boards of Cherry Valley, Exeter and Roseboom during January and hopes that they will at least give the electors of those towns opportunity to act upon a similar project. It is confidently believed by practically all who have investigated the subject that the benefits resulting will be far in excess of the limited expense incurred.

DECORATED IN HOME TOWN.

Another Norwich Boy Receives Medal of Honor.

Although several Norwich boys have received distinguished service crosses and at least one other the croix de guerre, none of them have gone through the ceremony of decoration at home, which was held Saturday afternoon when Bertram Rosser received his valor medal in Norwich. Recently the French government cited him for bravery in service with the United States marines during the entire war. He landed in France with the first war dogs and the award was made for conduct at the battles of Belleau Woods and Vierz, as well as at Blanc Mont Ridge. The French award comes for the latter service. Mr. Rosser is 23 years of age and served with the marines six years. He is now with the Norwich Pharmacal company.

WESLEYAN ALUMNI BANQUET.

To Be Held at The Hampton in Albany Tonight—Dr. Johns to Speak.

Rev. Dr. B. M. Johns, City Attorney Owen C. Becker and City Judge Elect Frank C. Huntington go to Albany today to attend this evening a banquet of the alumni of Wesleyan university at Middletown, Conn., to be held at The Hampton. A large number of the alumni residing in Albany and vicinity are to attend and it is expected that some representatives of the faculty of Wesleyan will be in attendance. Dr. Johns is to be one of the speakers. He goes this morning to Cobleskill and will accompany F. H. Ryder in from that village in a car.

Fire.

One day last week fire destroyed a house in East Worcester. The family lost all their securities. A safe deposit box in the Wilber National bank would have saved them \$3,500. You may be the next unfortunate one. Better rent a box now. advt 61

A man's attitude toward his coffee is the best indicator of his opinion of his cook. Serve him Otsego coffee and keep him contented. Ask your grocer. advt 61

Wanted—To buy one share Oneonta Union Agricultural Society stock. Inquire of H. W. Lee, Star office. advt 61

Box of fine linen writing paper, white, blue, buff or pink, for 25 cents at the Corner Bookstore. Kenneth W. Goldthwaite. advt 21

Poultry Wanted—For 25¢ per pound, good hens and chickens, 25¢ per pound, 21 Maple street. advt 21

EAST WORCESTER BOY KILLED

Morris Becker Accidentally Shot by Cousin in Their Room in Albany—Had Recently Returned from Overseas and Was Employed as Extra in Albany Postoffice—Funeral Tuesday Afternoon.

East Worcester, Dec. 28.—Morris Becker, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Becker of this place, was accidentally shot at 9:30 Friday night at his lodgings, 36 Market street, in Albany, receiving a wound from which he died in a few minutes. With his roommate, Clifford Olmstead, who was his cousin and had been his intimate companion from boyhood, he was seated in his room reading a newspaper about six feet away from where Olmstead was engaged in cleaning a revolver in some manner the weapon was discharged, the bullet piercing Becker's body under the right arm and passing through his lungs, causing internal hemorrhage.

As soon as the accident occurred Olmstead called up police headquarters and at once went himself to the station house, where he gave himself up. A charge of murder was at first placed on the police blotter but was afterwards erased and he was permitted to go by direction of District Attorney Alexander, who said after questioning Olmstead and Miss Hill, proprietor of the lodging house, that he was satisfied the shooting was accidental. Olmstead is employed as a punch pressman with the Consolidated Car Heating company and during the recent strike obtained a permit to carry a revolver. He is a step-son of Burdick Palmer of Albany and is stated at one time to have lived in Oneonta.

The body of Becker was brought to this village Saturday night, and the funeral will be held at 1 p. m. on Tuesday. The services will be conducted by Rev. F. H. King, pastor of the First Baptist church at West Oneonta. The deceased, who was 21 years of age, was engaged in the naval service of the United States during the war, being discharged on November 18. Since that time he had been employed as an extra in the parcels post department of the Albany postoffice. He was a young man of exemplary life and upright character, a member of the Baptist church and one whom by all who knew him was loved and respected. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Becker in their bereavement.

AMERICAN BEAUTY REVUE.

Clever Musical Comedy Artists at Oneonta Theatre This Week.

Starting today and remaining at the Oneonta theatre all week, DeWitt Mott will present his American Beauty Revue with a company of clever musical comedy artists, headed by that dynamic comedienne, Mary Maxwell, who never fails to "get" the audience from the moment she appears until the finale of each show, and who is rated as the highest salaried artist in popular priced musical comedy. There are plenty of good musical numbers, a carload of special scenery, gorgeous costumes, and marvelous electrical effects for every performance, which are complete in every detail. Mr. Mott has with him a chorus of pretty maids, and when the curtain goes up at the opening performance this afternoon at the Oneonta theatre there will be disclosed to the auditors a wealth of color and a lavish display of costumes that will startle as well as delightfully please those present. In each of the bills presented there are real, novel specialties intermingled with the action of the plays, which are of a nature never before attempted by any popular priced musical comedy company. The opening bill, "I'll Say She Does," a musical farce comedy, brim full of good, clean comedy, tuneful music and catchy songs, is one that never fails to please the most exacting audiences. The seats are on sale at the box office for the entire week and for New Year's matinee, as at this matinee evening prices will prevail. All other matinees will be 25c for any seat in the house.

Passenger Traffic Heavy.

Train 316 for Binghamton arrived in this city last evening drawn by engine 605 and a train of 11 cars. Before leaving this city it was necessary to put on an extra coach to take care of passengers getting on the train at points south of here, as the train left this city last evening with all coaches filled to their full capacity. All other trains yesterday were running very heavy on account of the large number of people returning home from the Christmas holiday. The east bound train Sunday afternoon came into Oneonta with seven cars and put on three extra coaches, here.

To My Friends and Customers.

I think it a mighty fine plan for everybody to pay their bills up in full at least once a year, and January 1 seems to me like the time. Now I want to pay mine and if everybody having an account at my store will call and settle by January 1, I will appreciate it very much. Let all of us make it a rule to pay every bill we owe by January 1. Yours very truly, Lavern Palmer, grocer, 125 Main street, city. advt 41

Special Sale Prices.

For today and tomorrow, 25 per cent reduction on suits, overcoats, leather coats, mackinaws, separate trousers and underwear. We used to say, walk up-stairs and save 25¢. Now it's walk up-stairs and save from \$15 to \$20. Yagel's Up-stairs Clothes shop, 174 Main street. advt 21

Millinery Sale.

Everyone interested in purchasing a new winter hat at a special price should call at Miss Horton's, 10 West Union street. advt 11

Uniformly reliable, when you buy your shoes, please remember to buy at the park. advt 11

SHE CASHED BAD CHECK

Girl of 15 Years Writes Check and Cashes It—Visit to Police Headquarters Makes Her Repentant Child.

Chief Horton had a youthful offender at headquarters Saturday morning on an old offense, which as a rule gets older offenders into much trouble, and many times gets them in jail. The little Miss had written a check to the amount of \$25 and cashed it at the Oneonta Department store.

It seems that the girl often cashes checks for her father at this store and several days ago thought that she, too, would write a check and get the money, the same as her father does. She wrote the check, but in this case on another's account, and eventually the matter came out and she was sent to police headquarters. No charge was preferred against the child and her father made good on the check. Of the amount received she had spent \$5 and had the balance on her person.

Chief Horton gave the little lady a kind, fatherly talk as to what happens when people forge checks and she departed a repentant and wiser child. The chief states that he has many such cases and feels often they are caused by parents not giving their children the attention and instruction they should, and that frequently they treat a happening of this kind too lightly, with the result they sometimes try it again and eventually get into more serious trouble.

FOR ARMENIAN CHILDREN.

Mrs. Thomas Turner Makes Donation in Memory of Son.

Among the donations to the fund for the relief of the suffering children of Armenia received by The Star is one from Mrs. Thomas Turner of 129 Chestnut street in memory of her son, Harold Turner, who gave his life to his country during the late war. Another comes from a woman residing in Cooperstown, but who requests that it be credited to "Friend."

Readers are reminded that it is not necessary to send large amounts and that if the people of America would, many of them send \$1 each, it would be ample for the needs. The subscriptions thus far received by The Star have been larger than was anticipated. The report for Saturday is as follows:

Previously reported	\$126
Mrs. D. O. Webb	\$1
Mrs. Jerome Taylor, R. D. 2	\$1
S. A. B.	\$1
Cooperstown Friend	\$1
Mrs. Thomas Turner in memory of her son, Harold	\$1
Total	\$135

Inventory supplies. Adding machine at \$52.50. Record books. Scratch paper by the pound. Fountain pen, regular \$2.50, this sale \$2. Pencil sharpeners. Paper fasteners. The Corner Bookstore. Kenneth W. Goldthwaite. advt 31

Richard Barthelmess
at the STRAND
TODAY and TOMORROW

THE ONEONTA DEPT. STORE

INCORPORATED

The Store That Leads

All Holiday Goods Must Go and Go Quickly

Those desiring to make purchases for New Year's remembrances must act at once.

Many of the articles which went to make up our Christmas Displays are still on sale and at liberal reductions. They will, however, be gone tomorrow. What are not sold will be taken to our ware rooms as their space is needed for displays of merchandise for our

Great January Clearance Sale

which starts Saturday. Speaking of this Sale, we wish to say that we have many bargain surprises for our patrons, announcements of which will soon appear in The Star.

For the New Year

—DIARIES—

Desk and Office Calendars, New Year Cards, new Oneonta Directory, Ploufets Notes on the Sunday School Lessons, Blank Books, and Office Supplies, New and Renewal Subscriptions for all Magazines and Periodicals at Lowest rates.

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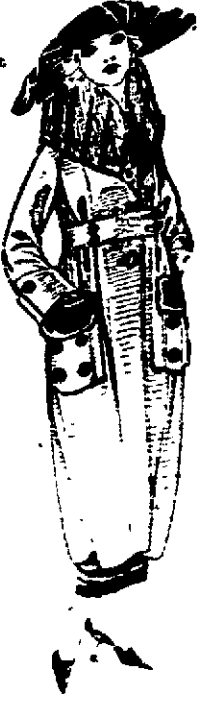
THE BOSTON STORE

The Year-End Clearance in The Woman's Section

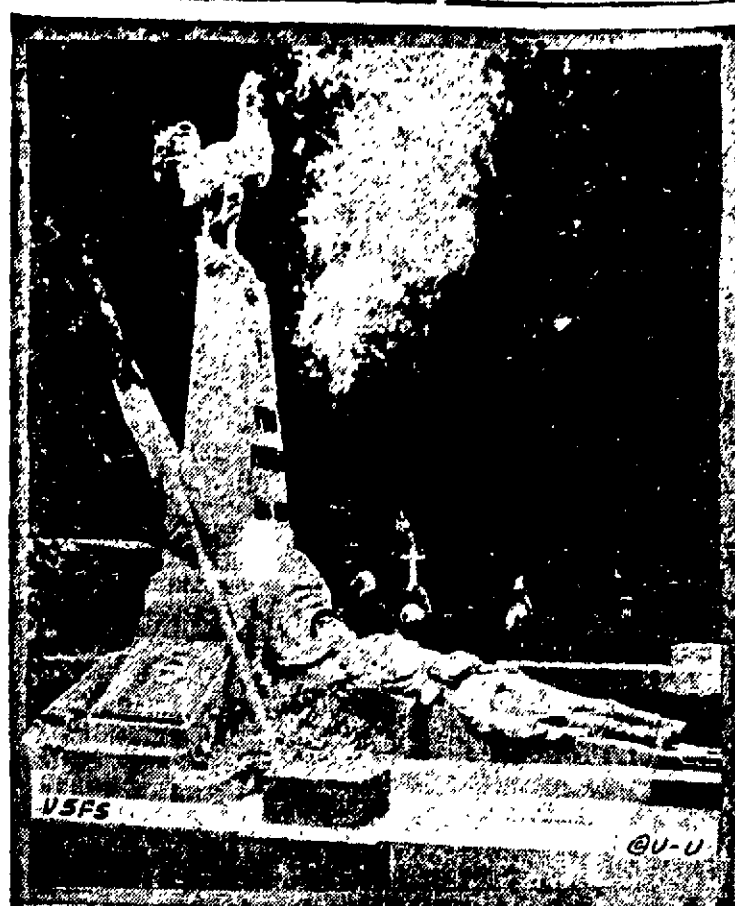
Continues with a choice of many Garments at Most Important Reductions. We especially invite you to come in and see for yourself the wonderful values offered

A FEW OF OUR BARGAIN OFFERINGS

Women's Serge and Poplin Suits in navy, blue and black, trimmed in braid and button, \$28.50 value, at \$17.50
\$30.00 Suits at \$22.00
\$39.00 Suits at \$27.50
\$49.00 Suits at \$37.50
\$29.00 Coats at \$18.00
\$35.00 Coats at \$22.00
\$49.00 Fur Trimmed Coats to close \$37.50
\$65.00 in the leading shades and Coat materials at \$47.50
Short Coats \$38.50 value at \$28.50
Short Coats, \$49.00 value at \$39.50
Short Coats, \$59.00 value at \$45.00
Silk Poplin Skirts in navy, black and brown \$5.00 value at \$2.95
Wool Serge Skirts \$7.50 value at \$3.95



Come in Early for Early Choosing is the Best



War memorial erected at Clarens Montreux, Switzerland, in honor of the Allied soldiers who died during their internment in Switzerland. At the base of the monument a pillar is seen kissing the tri-color of France.

PERSONALS

Mrs. L. L. Gardner is confined to her home on Otego street by illness. Earl D. Clark of Binghamton spent the week-end at Schenectady with his mother.

C. H. Merriam of Milford was in this city Saturday on the way to Unadilla on business.

DeForest Ingerham, who had been in this city for a few days, returned yesterday to Albany.

Julian LeSuer of Sidney spent the week-end in this city with his father, Dr. William J. LeSuer.

Mrs. W. C. Hanford, 4 Maple street, left Saturday for Sidney to attend a meeting of the D. A. R.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith returned to Albany yesterday, after spending a few days with friends in Oneonta.

Mrs. Harry J. McCoy of 64 Gilbert street, who has been spending Christmas and the week-end with relatives.

Miss Edna Fischer of Albany spent the day Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fischer, 83 Center street.

Harold S. Fletcher of Elmira spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fletcher, 60 East street.

Mrs. Millard Mattice of New York city returned home yesterday after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee F. Fleming.

Miss Nell Richards of New York city returned home Sunday, after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Whitney.

Mrs. Alice Mattice of South Valley, who had been visiting at the home of Mrs. F. H. Breese, 8 Maple street, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Albert Carman of Tunnell, who had been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ben Leib, 8 1/2 Cliff street, returned home Saturday.

Frank Palmer of Fort Plain, who had been visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ben Leib, 8 1/2 Cliff street, returned home Saturday.

Master Alton R. Holmes of Troy returned home Sunday after visiting his grandmother, Mrs. John B. Holmes, in this city over Christmas.

Mrs. J. A. Millard was called Saturday to Norwich by the death of her brother-in-law, Samuel Gardner. The funeral was held yesterday.

Percy McCormick, who had been spending Christmas at the home of R. A. Richards, West End, returned to New York city yesterday.

Miss Nell Every of Binghamton has been spending several days in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Every, of 33 Chestnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dumbleby of Utica are guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Barney, on Draper street.

J. L. Matteson, who spent Christmas with his family in Oneonta, returned yesterday to New York city.

Miss Gertrude Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, is a guest for the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene G. Brainerd, 40 Landon avenue.

Ralph Carrington is home from his studies at Cornell university for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carrington, of Watkins avenue.

William P. Gardner, who had been visiting his father, S. B. Gardner, for Christmas week, returned on Sunday to Springfield, Mass., where he has a good position in the government arsenal. Mrs. Gardner and children, who accompanied him, will remain in

Cook and Miss Elsie Brayman of Oudawa and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Brayman and three children of Hartwick. All expect to make their home in Arizona. Captain Augustus M. Gurney, who arrived in Oneonta Friday evening and has been spending the past two days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gurney, in this city, returned today to West Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larson and Charles Larson of Norwich and Miss Mary Thomas of Waterville returned to their homes on Saturday after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larson on Lawn avenue.

At Mt. Upton and Gilbertsville, has returned home. Her sister, Miss Mildred Warner, who has been under the care of Dr. Hale of Gilbertsville for the past three months, returning with her much improved in health.

Mrs. Louisa Graig and Jessie Graig of Davenport were in this city Saturday on the way to Afton to attend the wedding of Ethel Carr and Hugh Fletcher, of that town. The bride is a granddaughter of Mrs. L. Graig.

Harry W. Seward, a salesman with the Elliott-Fisher company at Buffalo, is a holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Seward. Mr. Seward was formerly a traveling salesman for the Oneonta Grocery company and has many friends who are glad to greet him again.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Phillips and daughter of Brooklyn, Frank Aylesworth and three children and Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips and three children of Dalton, Pa., brothers and nephews of B. E. Phillips, 90 Elm street who had been visiting at his home over Christmas, returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tompkins and sons, George and Curtis, of Binghamton, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nash and son, Philip, of Walton, returned to their homes last evening after having spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Marx. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins were accompanied by Doris Marx, who will spend several days with them in Binghamton as their guest.

Funeral of William Ray Genung.

The funeral of the late William Ray Genung, whose tragic death in the D. & H. yards The Star on Saturday announced, was held at 1 p. m. on Sunday at his late residence, 235 Chestnut street. Rev. Dr. E. J. Farley officiated, reading appropriate passages of scripture and following with a sympathetic and comforting address. His remarks being founded on the account of the Widow of Nain's son, as found in Luke viii, 11-17. There was a large attendance of relatives, friends and fellow employees, the R. of R. T. being represented by a delegation of 25 members. There were also many beautiful floral tributes, among them those of the B. of R. T. his fellow employees in the D. & H. yards and former associates in the Borden plant at Norwich.

The body was placed in the mausoleum at the Plains for interment later at Norwich. The bearers were intimate personal friends of the deceased, employed with him in the D. & H. yards.

Among those present from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Salisbury, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Genung, Frank, Floyd and Ralph Genung, Mr. and Mrs. William Cumber and William Lawrence of Norwich, and Mr. and Mrs. George Genung and daughter, Gertrude, of Unadilla.

Off for Florida.

Harry Howard, son of Mrs. T. I. Pierson of Grove street, accompanied by A. Wyman of Unadilla, left Oneonta last evening for Florida, where they expect to be engaged for about three months in canvassing. Mr. Howard will make his headquarters with his uncle, Lee Smith, at Beuna Vista, during his stay.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank all who so kindly assisted me during my recent bereavement in the death of my husband, also for the beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Louise Genung.

Grafonola Club.

Join today. We have a few grafonolas left. \$5 or \$10 down and easy terms. Fred N. VanWie. advt 61

REV. FRANK HOWARD DEAD.

Widely Known Throughout State as Lecturer on Prison Reform.

Rev. Frank Howard, pastor of the Baptist churches at Middlefield and Roseton, died Saturday night at the Thanksgiving hospital in Cooperstown, after a brief illness of acute heart trouble. There will be funeral services at the Cooperstown Baptist church at 11 a. m. today, conducted by Rev. LeRoy Halbert, the pastor of that church, assisted by other clergymen of the county, among them Rev. Dr. Farley of this city. The body will be taken to his former home at Chittenango, where further services will be held at 11 a. m. on Tuesday.

Mr. Howard, who was about 40 years of age, was formerly a lawyer at Utica. Afterwards, he served term in Auburn State prison and after his release spoke widely as "Convict 11,221" throughout the state on prison reform, basing his lectures on his personal experience and observations. Many in Oneonta will remember the forceful address which he delivered at the First Baptist church in this city.

Later Mr. Howard entered the Baptist ministry and for more than a year had been stationed at Middlefield, where he had done splendid work in church and community, and where his death will greatly be deplored. He was a man of fine education and excellent attainments who, putting the past behind him, had won the love, respect and confidence of all who came in contact with him. He is survived by his wife, but by no children.

Births.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Doris Edson of Milford Center, Dec. 26, a seven-pound son who bears the name of Harold Avery Edson.

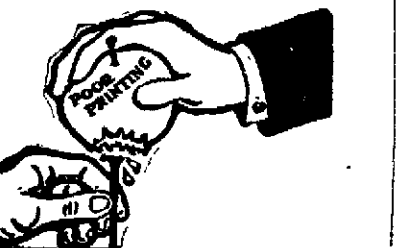
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rose, 51 Chestnut street, December 26, a son.

Born, Dec. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Barber of Maybrook an eight-pound son. Mrs. Barber will be best remembered as Miss Anna DeAngelis, formerly of Oneonta.

Ships Car and Goes by Rail.

C. W. Peck, who, accompanied by his wife, left last week by auto for Florida, where they will spend the winter, learned in New York that the snow in Eastern Pennsylvania was too deep easily to negotiate. Accordingly he shipped his car by rail and on Friday Mr. and Mrs. Peck left New York on the Seaboard Airline for the Land of Flowers.

Hundreds of prizes for card parties. Thirty-five cents to two dollars. Corner Bookstore, Kenneth W. Goldthwaite. advt 61



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Q Poor printing on poor paper never paid anybody. Get work that is good enough to bring you good results.

Q Use an economical paper such as

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Use More Printed Salesmanship — Ask Us



Join Now Our Christmas Club for 1920

In thousands of Oneonta homes on CHRISTMAS DAY are HAPPY GROUPS OF MERRY MAKERS—their joy made possible in only one way—THROUGH MEMBERSHIP in our CHRISTMAS CLUB!

In thousands of OTHER homes where the atmosphere is not so cheery, there COULD and WOULD have been MORE HAPPINESS today had one or more of the members of those homes but TAKEN OUT A MEMBERSHIP in THIS CLUB—LAST YEAR!

Gift-giving around Christmas time, and the exercise of our benevolent instincts, is a custom old as the hills; one which does credit to our Christian CIVILIZATION—but it takes MONEY to be generous—and the way to HAVE money is to save; and the way to effectively save is to do it SYSTEMATICALLY—and our CHRISTMAS CLUB is the best plan ever devised for INSURING your FAMILY and FRIENDS against a dull CHRISTMAS!

\$.50 Saved Each Week Amounts to \$ 25.00 and Interest
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2.00 Saved Each Week Amounts to 100.00 and Interest
5.00 Saved Each Week Amounts to 250.00 and Interest!

JOIN RIGHT AWAY FOR NEXT YEAR!

WILBER NATIONAL BANK

DEATHS.

Fred Sanford Paddock.

The death of Fred Sanford Paddock occurred at his home at 43 Fairview street Saturday morning at 9.30 o'clock after a four months' illness.

The deceased was born at Delta, Oneida county, February 26, 1861, and was the son of Alexander and Lavana Paddock. He was married to Miss Ida Grey of New Berlin in that village, June 3, 1898, and lived there till moving to this city last September, when he entered the employ of the Elmire Milling company. While a resident of New Berlin he was engaged in the grocery business for a number of years.

Surviving him are his widow; a brother, Frank A. Paddock of Tinton, N. J.; a nephew, Roy Paddock of Boston; and two cousins, Mrs. George Gilchrist of Cooperstown, and Mrs. Jennie M. Tiley of 29 Watkins avenue. The deceased was well known in this section, a man of good habits and a faithful worker, and in his death the community loses a worthy citizen.

A prayer service will be held at his home in this city Monday evening at 7 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. J. C. Russell officiating. Tuesday morning the body will be taken to New Berlin, the funeral party leaving this city on the 8.20 train. The funeral will be held at New Berlin Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, of which he was a member and an elder, the Rev. Frederick Perkins officiating. Burial will be made at the Fairview cemetery in that village.

Buckwheat Grain.

Morris Brothers would like 800 bushels of buckwheat grain. Will pay \$2.75 per cwt., delivered at their elevator, if grain is clean and sound. advt 61

Books at the lowest price that it will be possible to purchase them for a long time to come. Standard fiction at fifty cents per volume. advt 51

The Right Word
New Year's Day
ANN DORA
The Quality Cigar

Start the year happily by smoking these truly good cigars. Hand them out on New Year's day. Their pleasing flavor will clinch many a new friendship and will firmly bind all the old ones. ANN DORA is the word—use it wherever good cigars are sold.

Sold Nearby

TEN SIZES

The Maytag
Motor Washer

Will run Churns, Cream Separators, Ice Cream Freezers, Bone Grinders, Pumps, Food Choppers, etc. Just received another shipment. Price \$85.

Albert H. Murdock

Market Street Oneonta



DONALD CRISP
at the STRAND
TODAY and TOMORROW

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Delamater of Tonnawagon, Ohio, and A. J. Delamater of New York city returned home Sunday after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Eccleston in this city.

A. J. Bush, who for a few days had been in Oneonta, left Saturday for his home in Bridgeport, Conn. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Mary Young, who returns to her home in Clarendon, N. H.

Miss Mary Broome, who is employed in the office of the General Electric company in Schenectady, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman, in Oneonta, returning to Schenectady last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester J. Thomas, lately of New Berlin, who for a few days have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Baird, 51 Miller street, leave this afternoon for Phoenix, Arizona. They will be accompanied by Henry Cook, Mrs. Elsie Brayman, Miss Myrtle



OUR ANNUAL
Pre-Inventory Clearance Sale

Offering Substantial Price Reductions to Close Our Entire Stock
of Ladies' Tailored Suits, Ladies', Misses' and
Children's Coats

Women's Coats Women's Suits

Desirable to the utmost style, materials, workmanship and colors. Newest and best this season has produced.

\$25 Coats, reduced to	\$17.75	Handsome tailor-made Suits in a variety of materials, including Poplin, Serge, Velour and Broadcloth, wanted styles, splendidly made models. Reduced as follows:	
\$35 Coats, reduced to	\$22.50	\$30 Suits, reduced to	\$21.75
\$40 Coats, reduced to	\$29.50	\$40 Suits, reduced to	\$27.50
\$55 Coats, reduced to	\$39.50	\$55 Suits, reduced to	\$39.50
\$75 Coats, reduced to	\$49.50		

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